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## COLD BREAK

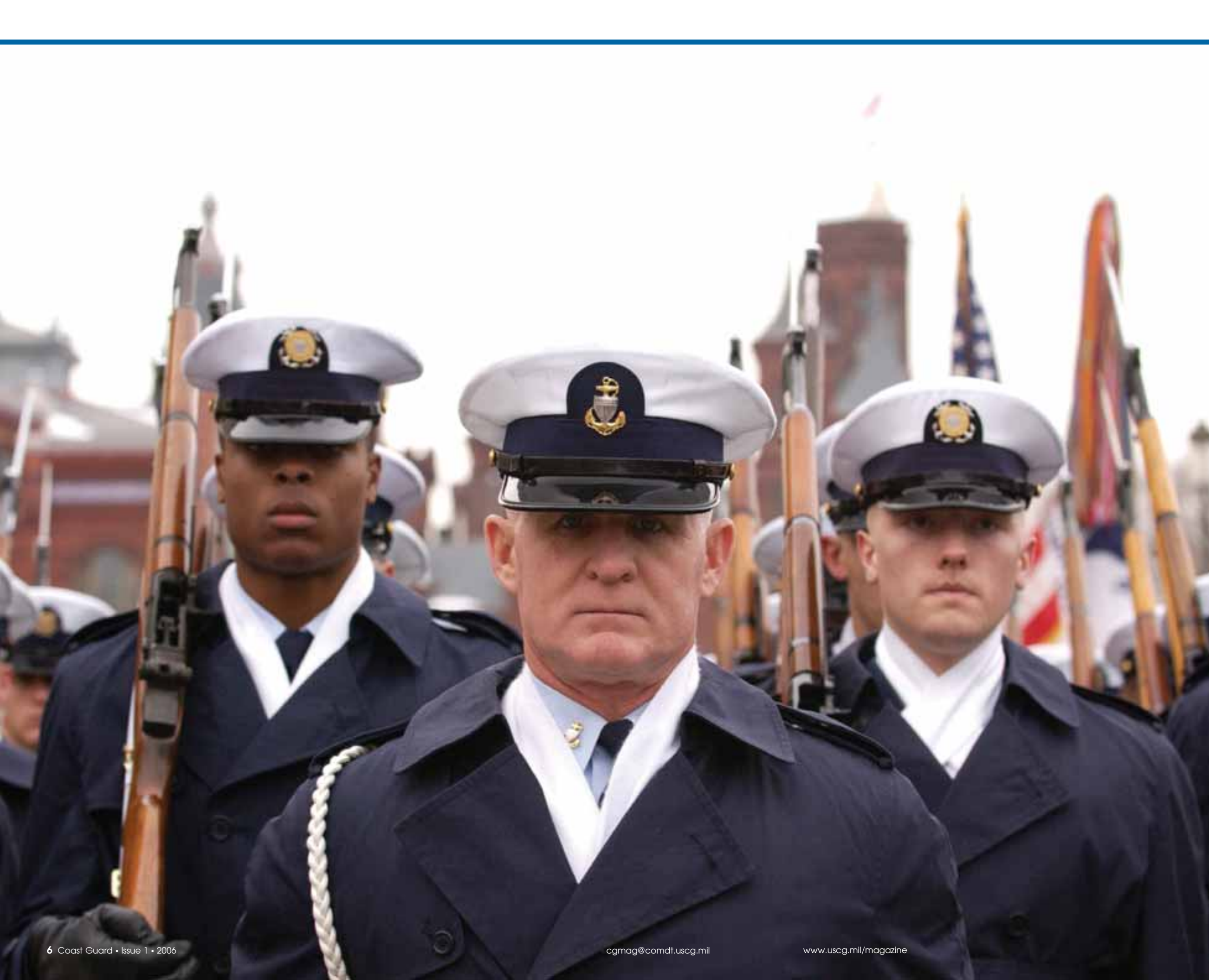
CGC Pendant, a 65-foot, Boston-based, icebreaking tug, continues ice breaking operations while underway in Boston Harbor and surrounding areas. Icebreakers maintain vigilant operations as Mother Nature threatens the flow of commerce and home heating fuel transported in and out of Boston waterways.

Photo by PA2 Lisa Hennings, 1st Dist.

# WINTER







## STANDING TALL

YNC Ronald Baker, company commander, Recruit Training Center Cape May, N.J., leads his company of recruits onto the parade route in honor of the 55th Presidential Inauguration Jan. 20.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Christine Thompson, U.S. Army

**Jan. 6** — Sector San Diego received a call from the cruise ship *Paradise* requesting the medical evacuation of a 44-year-old woman who was suffering from epileptic shock and a 72-year-old male who suffered an epileptic seizure. Sector San Diego launched a 41-foot small boat, with two San Diego County Fire Paramedics aboard, to meet the *Paradise* at the sea buoy near Point Loma, Calif. The patients were transferred by the Coast Guard crew to an awaiting ambulance at the harbor police pier.

**Jan. 11** — An HH-65 helicopter from Air Station Humboldt Bay medevaced an 18-year-old woman from a traffic accident on U.S. 101, 5 miles south of Klamath River, Calif. After Group Humboldt Bay received the call from the California Highway Patrol, the air station launched an HH-65 helicopter. The helicopter crew then airlifted the woman to St. Joseph's Hospital in Eureka.





## FLARE PLAY

SK2 Kerwin Murrell, Station Los Angeles/Long Beach completes his boat crew qualifications in the Port of Los Angeles, Jan. 26.

Photo by PA3 Dave Hardesty,  
PADET Los Angeles

**Jan. 12** — Personnel from Activities New York joined with students, faculty and parents at the Berta A. Dreyfus Intermediate School 49 to launch a partnership in education between the Coast Guard and the New York City Board of Education. A ceremony was held in the school's auditorium Feb. 13 to kick-off the partnership.

**Jan. 21** — The master of a Panama-flagged freighter was convicted of operating a commercial vessel while under the influence of alcohol and was fined \$3,000 and ordered not to operate a vessel in U.S. waters for one year. Hungarian Janos Gyori, 52, was arrested Jan. 11 after the Captain of the Port of Hampton Roads denied entry of the 214-foot General Lee. The freighter failed to stop 12-miles offshore for a security check, and Gyori did not respond to the Coast Guard over the radio. Once the vessel stopped, the team detected alcohol on his breath and conducted a field sobriety test, which he failed. Gyori then refused to cooperate with a breath test. During the trial, Gyori testified he only drank four beers and part of another the night before he took the helm at 4 a.m. Coast Guard officers conducted six sobriety tests, which he failed.



## CG ACTION

Crewmembers from Station Los Angeles Long Beach assist the television industry with an appearance in CSI Miami. The Coast Guard's Motion Picture & Television Liaison Office coordinated the appearance of the 25-foot Response Boat in the program.

Photo by CWO4 Lance Jones,  
PADET Los Angeles

**Jan. 31** — The crew of an HH-65 helicopter rescued a 19-year-old, Coos Bay, Ore., woman Sunday evening from 48-degree water and eight-foot surf near Cape Arago State Park. Air Station North Bend, launched an HH-65 helicopter and Station Coos Bay launched a 47-foot motor lifeboat to assist the woman. Using night vision goggles, the crew of the helicopter was able to spot the woman, who had been pulled out by the current more than 600 yards from shore. The helicopter lowered a rescue swimmer down to the woman, where he then secured her and they were both hoisted back into the helicopter. She was flown back to Group/Air Station North Bend and transferred to awaiting emergency medical technicians.

**Feb. 2** — The Coast Guard assessed the 555-foot, Hong Kong flagged carrier, Cape Flattery which ran aground 400 yards off of Barbers Point Harbor, Hawaii, around 7 a.m. today. No injuries were reported. A 47-foot motor lifeboat, a 41-foot utility boat from Station Honolulu, and an HH-65 helicopter from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point responded. The Cape Flattery was inbound to Barbers Point Harbor to off-load cement.







## WATER RELIEF

A Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento C-130 and its crew of seven return home from a month-long mission supporting Tsunami Relief Operations in Southeast Asia. The crew was welcomed home by family members, Coast Guard members, and a water display from the Sacramento Fire Department, Feb. 1.

Photo by PA3 Sabrina Arrayan, 11th Dist.

**Feb. 27** — Station Marblehead, Ohio, and the Catawba Island Fire Department rescued six people and two dogs from an ice floe about a half mile off Catawba Island. An onlooker from the shore reported the incident to Station Marblehead. Within minutes, the rescue agencies were on scene, ferrying the people back to safety. There were no reports of medical concerns among the survivors.

**March 8** — An Air Station Cape Cod aircrew transported a 26-week pregnant woman from a medical center in Block Island, R.I., to a hospital in Providence. Air Station Cape Cod received the request to transfer the woman, who was suffering complications. The expectant mother was reported to be in stable condition in the labor and delivery room. MedFlight was not flying due to weather.





## TEAM COAST GUARD

BM1 Beth Slade operates a 47-foot motor lifeboat off Peacock Spit, near Illwaco, Wash., during surf drills, Feb 2. Slade is the only active female surfman in the Coast Guard.

Photo by PA3 Jeffrey Pollinger,  
13th Dist.

**March 21** — Crews aboard two Coast Guard cutters and a C-130 aircraft rush to assist 204 crewmembers aboard a 325-foot fish processing ship in the Gulf of Alaska. The Coast Guard received a report from the Seattle-based processor Independence that they had a problem with one of the ship's three rudders. Later, a crewmember reported that the ship's steering had failed, leaving the ship adrift about 95 miles south of Kayak Island. Crews aboard the CGC Storis and the CGC Morgenthau went to the ship's location to assist the Independence and its crew. A C-130 also responded. Weather conditions at the ship's position were 20-foot seas and 50-knot winds.

**March 31** — A boat crew from Station Calumet Harbor rescued four people from the water after their tug sank off the Hammond water intake crib a quarter mile south of Calumet Harbor, Ill. The Station Calumet Harbor crew received a call from Holly Marine that their tug, the Marget Ann, had sunk and four people were in the water. The Coast Guard crew responded to the scene with a 25-foot small boat and retrieved all four people from the water. The survivors were wearing life jackets and were in the water for eight minutes. They were transported back to the Coast Guard station where they received treatment for hypothermia by Coast Guard personnel and local emergency medical services.



## The Inaugural Event

Story by PA 2

Judy Silverstein, USCGR

The National Capitol Region received its first major snowfall of the season Jan. 19, the day before the Presidential Inauguration, when security was tighter than ever before.

Below the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge, three 25-foot SAFE boats from Station Washington carefully maneuvered through icy and choppy waters looking for anything out of the ordinary. With the coastline a white blur, the radio crackled with intensity as crews used advanced equipment to scan the shoreline and bridge supports.

"We're practicing," said Lt. j.g. Chris White. He was understandably cryptic about details given the level of security attached to the mission.

The GPS and radar screens glowed with color intensified by the virtual whiteout. They hovered alongside Haines Point in West Potomac Park. In the storm, "The Awakening", a somewhat unusual statue of a 100-foot giant half-buried underground, was barely but eerily visible. Its 17-foot arm elicited some shared laughter inside the cabin. Outside, large snowflakes fell almost faster than the windshield wipers could remove them.

The crew was snug in survival suits, the black and orange colors clearly visible even in the frosty weather. The suit also provides welcomed protection from just about every element, including its true purpose, an unexpected dip into icy water.

The radio crackled. "Station Washington, this is Activities Baltimore."

BMC Alex Malaguti held his hand up, signaling for silence in the cabin. He then relayed reports of protesters in Lady Bird Johnson Park. The Coast Guard was requested for a show of force. Deftly, he maneuvered the vessel toward the Virginia side of the river.

A crew of five was aboard practicing for the inauguration events. Three were Reservists from Activities Baltimore. The crew was joined by two other vessels from MSST 91108. No stranger to events drawing special attention to the security of the NCR, the Station Washington

### BUSINESS SCENTS

BM3 Alex Parrey and his dog Sparky screen passengers of the dinner cruise ship Spirit of the Potomac for explosives as part of the stepped up security for the Presidential Inauguration.

Photo by PA1 Donnie Brzuska, PADET Mayport, Fla.

crews have sometimes borrowed boats and crew members from other units.

"Established in the wake of 9/11, we are a multi-mission station with a homeland security emphasis," said White. "We have been fortunate in that our chain of command recognizes we sometimes need extra people for significant events involving national security."

Even in the blustery weather, a lone boat pattered along in the Boundary Channel. Further down near the mouth of the Anacostia River, a cruise ship with twinkling white lights drifted to the starboard side of the boat. Crews are always alert for anything unusual, said White. Without going into many details, he said the Inaugural mission used many capabilities, for which crew members have trained extensively.

The SAFE boat's shallow draft — only 39 inches — allowed the crew to get in close to the shoreline, which snakes around the monuments, memorials and precious icons of American history.

"If need be, we have the authority to go ashore," White said. "Most of our members are deputized."

If the Potomac is iced over, crews can also conduct vehicle patrols, he said. Armed with 9mm pistols, M-16 rifles and 12-gauge shotguns, they are highly trained in a variety of skills. Even the SAFE boats have fore and aft mounts for M-60 machine guns. But to keep things from becoming routine, crews avoid regularly-scheduled patrols.

"You don't want to tip your hand," said White.

While Washington sees relatively few oceangoing vessels, it has plenty of local activity on its rivers including tug boats pulling construction barges, river cruise ships, rowing teams, and bass fishermen. Although the station is crewed by about 26 active duty members, it has been supplemented with Reservists during the past year from such far-flung spots as Florida and North Carolina. Division 1 and 14 Auxiliarists also have been trained to stand radio watch and flotillas help extend the eyes and ears of the Coast Guard patrolling the river.



### WITH A BANG

Despite frosty temperatures and a midday snow storm, Presidential Inaugural activities and fireworks went off as planned. Fireworks light up the Washington Monument.

Photo by PA3 Beth Reynolds, USCGR

The waterborne nature of Station Washington's missions is ideally suited to work in tandem with many federal and local agencies, said White. The 55th Presidential Inauguration was no exception.

Despite plummeting temperatures and chilly conditions, crews practice along the snowy shoreline of the Potomac in the shadow of the Lincoln Memorial, the orange hulls just about the only color break in the wintry weather. Throughout the week's festivities, Coast Guard crews played a vital role in a layered plan of defense of the nation's capitol.

We have many capabilities and driving boats is one of them," White said. "It gives us a maneuverability that can be very attractive to other agencies and they often use us as a platform for their work."

Currently, Station Washington is headquartered in a cramped 1,000-square-foot, two-room building on Bolling Air Force Base where the boats are docked at the recreational marina. The nature of its mission requires personnel to maintain rooms at the base hotel for on-call personnel.

"If something significant occurs, we can have our people mobilized almost immediately," said White.

That, he said, is part of their allure. ☒



# SPRING

An aerial photograph showing a vertical surface training exercise. A person in a red and orange survival suit is rappelling down a steep, layered rock face. A rope extends from the top left towards the climber. The cliff is sparsely covered with green vegetation. To the right, a rocky shoreline with a small stream is visible. Long shadows are cast across the cliff face.

## GUARDING THE GATE

A Sector San Diego Aviation Survival Technician practices vertical surface training off the coast of Point Loma, Calif., April 12.

Photo by PA1 Robert Lanier, PADET San Diego



## UPON REFLECTION

CGC Bear is reflected in the sun glasses of BM3 Alex Fernandez as he drives Cub 1, the Coast Guard Cutter Bear's over-the-horizon rigid-hull inflatable boat in the Mediterranean Sea June 3.

Photo by PA2 Andrew Shinn, 1st Dist.

**April 18** — The CGC Spencer responded to an injured fisherman aboard the 70-foot fishing vessel Jessica Susan, 90 miles east of Cape Cod, Mass. Frank Collins was filleting fish when his knife slipped and left a two inch gash in his lower arm by the elbow. The Spencer was diverted from a patrol and arrived on scene, where the injured fishermen was brought aboard and treated by the cutter's corpsman. Collins was treated with antiseptics, received five stitches and was then returned to his vessel.

**April 20** — The crew of the CGC Mustang terminated the voyage of a fishing vessel near Kodiak, Alaska, after discovering safety violations. The Mustang's crew boarded the Beverlee J in Shelikof Strait and terminated the voyage when expired safety equipment was discovered. The crew Mustang then escorted the Beverlee J to Kodiak to correct the discrepancies.

**April 23** — The Coast Guard rescued seven people stranded on a jetty near Oceanside, Ore. One of the people called the Tillamook County 911 dispatcher on his cell phone, requesting help after they were stranded by incoming tides. The dispatcher called Group/Air Station Astoria, to report the stranding on Three Arch Rock near Oceanside. An HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Astoria was diverted and a 47-foot motor lifeboat from Station Tillamook was launched to assist. The Jayhawk was able to hoist all seven and transported them to Tillamook Airport.







## MAKING A SPLASH

The newest Coast Guard cutter, Mackinaw, is launched from its cradle into the Menomonee River April 2. The Mackinaw, a state of the art, 240-foot ice breaker/buoy tender, will carry on the traditions of the old Mackinaw. The “New Mack” is scheduled to be included in the Coast Guard fleet in late 2005. More than 60 years ago the first Mackinaw was launched on the Great Lakes and has served with distinction through the years, performing an every expanding role in commerce, search and rescue, public relations and homeland security. The newest Mackinaw was built to fulfill the roles and traditions set forth by its predecessor.

Photo by PA1 David Mosley, G-IPA-1

**April 27** — Recent hoax distress calls have the Coast Guard in Miami investigating the source of these broadcasts and asking the public for help. In the last four weeks, the Sector Miami Command Center in Miami Beach received at least four false mayday calls. The voice of the caller is believed to have originated from the same source each time. The recordings all contain the words, “Mayday, mayday,” or “Someone, please help!” The calls were deemed a hoax after careful processing by the Coast Guard’s 7th District command center in Miami.

**May 1** — The CGC Petrel evacuated a passenger who was reportedly having liver problems, shortness of breath and slight dehydration from the cruise ship Osterdam. The patient, and her husband who accompanied her, were taken to an awaiting ambulance at Coast Guard Sector San Diego and transported to U.C.S.D. Medical Center in San Diego.



## HONOR, RESPECT ►

BM1 Chris Miller, and his son, Justin, 3, place miniature U.S. flags on the graves of veterans at the National Cemetery on Friday, May 27, in Mobile, Ala. Some 4,000 flags were placed on the graves. Miller, an 11-year veteran of the Coast Guard, is stationed at Sector Mobile at Brookley.

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## GOLDEN WINGS

Lt. j.g. Jeanine McIntosh became the first Coast Guard African-American female aviator during a graduation ceremony at the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas, June 24. She was assigned to Air Station Barbers point, Hawaii, after she completed C-130 training.

Photo by PA2 Andrew Kendrick,  
8th Dist.





## ON THE ROCKS

CGC Anacapa, home ported in Petersburg, Alaska, navigates ice filled waters while on patrol in Glacier Bay.

Photo by Lt.j.g. Herbert Law,  
executive officer, CGC Anacapa

**May 22** — The Coast Guard and Coast Guard Auxiliary searched for a missing 18-year old male off of Waukegan Beach, Ill., after three teens set out on a raft that overturned approximately 100 yards off shore. The two other teens safely made it to shore. Coast Guard officials received a call about the missing teen around 5:30 p.m. after local authorities tried unsuccessfully to find him. Boat crews from Station Wilmette Harbor, an Auxiliary Crew and local divers searched the area. A HH-65 helicopter from Air Station Traverse City, Mich., also assisted in the search.

**May 23** — Personnel from Coast Guard Marine Safety Office New Orleans and the New Orleans Fire Department responded to a two-alarm fire on board a ship on the Mississippi River near the Napoleon Street Wharf today. All personnel aboard the 560-foot German-flagged container ship *Libra Rio Grand* were evacuated after a fire was reported in the boat's engine room. The engine room was sealed, and the ship's CO2 fire extinguishing system extinguished the fire. MSO New Orleans sent a pollution response team, investigating officer, and a foreign vessel inspection team to the scene. An HH-65 Dolphin helicopter rescue crew also was dispatched to conduct an arial assessment.







## FUEL IT UP

Crew members aboard the CGC Valiant, homeported in Miami, tend a fuel line while the HH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Air Station New Orleans refuels their helicopter, May 4.

Photo by PA2 NyxoLyno Cangemi, 8th Dist.

**June 10** — An HH-60 helicopter from Aviation Training Center Mobile, Ala. rescued five mariners trapped aboard their disabled fishing vessel in 12-foot seas, 21 miles south of Cape San Blas. After reporting that their vessel was taking on water, and was disabled and adrift in heavy seas caused by Tropical Storm Arlene, the five crewmembers from the 37-foot trawler Happy Hour were rescued and delivered to the Panama City, Fla., airport by the helicopter rescue crew. The CGC Seahawk, an 87-foot patrol boat from Carrabelle, Fla., also was dispatched to assist in the rescue.

**June 15** — A Station Michigan City, Ind., boat crew rescued two children approximately 20 yards from the Nipsco, Ind., Power Plant break wall where they were swimming. The station watchstander received a phone call from emergency medical services with a frantic mother nearby who didn't speak any English. The watch stander, a fluent Spanish speaker, was able to determine that the woman's children were in trouble in the water. Immediately after receiving the call, the station launched a 25-foot response boat. Once on scene, the boat crew saw the girl face down in the water and tried to get her attention. She was slow to respond, but lifted her head and was rescued by the crew as she started to slip beneath the water. She then communicated that her brother was still in the water in need of help. When the boy saw the boat, he ran toward it, falling into the water. A crewmember got into the water and brought the boy aboard the boat.





## HATS OFF

Members of the class of 2005 toss their covers and shoulder boards into the air as they divest themselves of all symbols of cadet life at their graduation ceremonies held at the Coast Guard Academy, May 18. Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff was this year's commencement speaker.

Photo by Telfair H. Brown, Sr., G-IPA-1

**June 19** — An Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii, HH-65 helicopter crew hoisted a 21-year-old male this morning. Patrick Hannon, a vacationer on Maui, was reported missing June 17 by his cousin when he failed to return from a personal water craft trip. The Coast Guard and the Maui Fire Department started searching and his abandoned water craft was soon discovered, four and half miles off Honokowai. He was found by a C-130 Hercules crew and later hoisted aboard an HH-65 helicopter and transported to Maui Memorial Hospital for medical treatment. The crews attributed his survival because he was wearing a life jacket.

**June 25** — An Air Station San Francisco HH-65 Helicopter crew hoisted a 36-year-old woman, who had fallen 100 feet while hiking, fracturing her left leg, from Timber Cove, Calif. The Sonoma County Sheriff Department and the California Highway Patrol were first on scene, however, due to her location a helicopter was needed to assist in the rescue. After arriving and rescuing the woman the helicopter crew transferred her to awaiting local Emergency Medical Services.



# SPOTLIGHT

# Orient Express

Story and photos by Amy Thomas, Pac Area

Just after 10 a.m. on May 23, the CGC Jarvis approached a pier at the Japan coast guard's Maritime Disaster Prevention Complex in Yokohama, a city about 40 miles south of Tokyo. As the JCG band played a rendition of "Semper Paratus" from the pier, a deckhand aboard the 378-foot Honolulu-based cutter tossed a heaving line to an awaiting JCG line handler, signifying the start of Jarvis' month-long mission to raise the interaction among the world's coast guards to a new level.

"Partnership is the key to making good things happen," said Capt. Michael Blair, commanding officer of the Coast Guard's Far East Activities. "Throughout the world, the U.S. is trying to build better relationships, better understandings with other countries."

During a meeting of the North Pacific Heads of Coast Guards in Canada last fall, Korea coast guard Commissioner Lee Seung Jae suggested to U.S. Coast

Guard Commandant, Adm. Thomas H. Collins that he should send a cutter to Asia – initially just South Korea, but Japan was quickly added to the itinerary – to give the crews the opportunity to work with each other and get some hands-on operational experience.

"This exchange just moves us closer to being able to cooperatively respond to any situation," said Capt. Michael Jett, the Jarvis' commanding officer. "Also, it puts a name on the other end of the phone line when we need cooperation for pressing maritime issues."

The NPHCG is an information-sharing network established by the United States, Japan, South Korea, People's Republic of China, and Russian coast guard services that meets regularly to discuss, among other topics, ways to improve the enforcement of international fisheries laws along the Pacific Ocean's Exclusive Economic Zones.

"We hope to send the message that proper

## WELCOME NOTE

A trumpet player with the Japan coast guard Band welcomes the CGC Jarvis with a rendition of Semper Paratus as the cutter pulls into its berth at the JCG Maritime Disaster Prevention Complex.

management and conservation will be to everyone's long-term benefit," Jett said.

The week in Yokohama was a busy one for both the U.S. and Japan coast guards. Using the 3,500-ton JCG patrol vessel PL31 Izu as a platform, boarding teams from each service spent a day demonstrating their procedures for taking control of the crew on a hostile vessel, and JCG showed off their small boat maneuvering skills.

Jett said he was most impressed by the newness and quality of JCG's technology. Their state-of-the-art ships and small boats are equipped to handle grand-scale disasters and to fight fires both in and out of the port.

"Deepwater is clearly needed soon," he said, referring to the U.S. Coast Guard's long term project to replace its aging cutters with a fleet of new, highly-advanced ships. Although it worked with the Japanese government to develop a coast guard modeled after the United States', Blair agrees with Jett that there is much to be learned from JCG.

"We share information and officers, and are continually improving," Blair said. "Japan is one of our strongest allies and we are very optimistic about the future."

Jarvis then headed west toward South Korea for the second leg of the journey. The cutter arrived in the Port of Incheon, a city about 20 miles east of Seoul, June 3, to the sounds of military marches played by the Korea coast guard band.

"Korea coast guard is such a professional organization," said Cmdr. Todd Gatlin, the U.S. Coast Guard liaison officer for Jarvis' visit to Incheon. "They had set very high standards and didn't want to fall below those standards. They did the best job they could to meet those expectations."

The 3,000-ton KCG 3005, a 2-year-old high-tech patrol vessel, moored outboard of Jarvis to better accommodate the drills and demonstrations shared between the two crews.

The first day of exercises included a Jarvis boarding team demonstrating its boarding and non-compliant vessel seizure tactics using 3005's wide passageways and modern bridge as a playing field. Then, with Jarvis' crew lining Jarvis' flight deck rails, KCG surprised the onlookers with a thunderous display by neutralizing an explosive ordinance found hidden in 3005's hangar.

On the second day of planned exercises, the two ships



got underway for a series of helicopter rescue hoist drills and law enforcement tactics demonstrations. Jett said he was impressed by the KCG's alertness and responsiveness to encroachment dangers, and attributes KCG's efficiency largely to their geographical position in the world.

Jarvis' visit to Japan and Korea aimed to nurture existing relationships, as well as build new ones.

"This exchange opens communication and hopefully provides the first steps to stop illegal activity and ensure mutual protection from organizations that mean to cause harm," Jett said.

Jarvis only had eight weeks to prepare for this trip. Every member of the crew, from those on the deck department to the engineers, from the food service specialists to the navigators, rolled up their collective sleeves and made Jarvis shine.

Korean and Japanese translators were gathered from around the country. Research was needed to explore the cultural expectations of Korea and Japan, and drills needed rehearsing. In addition, because of transfer season, Jarvis faced personnel shortages and relied on several crewmembers assigned temporarily to fill the gaps.

"We would have loved more time, but that's the way it goes," said Jett. "Jarvis' crew rallied hard and I feel met the challenge. But then again, they are Jarvis." 🇺🇸

## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

The CGC Jarvis sits in the background as Japan coast guard demonstrates some of its capabilities. This annual event is a way for JCG to educate the public about their roles and missions. Among other demos, JCG did rescue drills, helicopter hoists, and the capture of a hostile ship. The Japanese Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, as well as the Commandant of JCG, were on hand to view the event.





# Summer



## Training Transit

A 47-foot motor lifeboat from Station Gloucester, Mass., and a Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Cape Cod transit out of the Gloucester Harbor during a training exercise Aug. 25.

Photo by PA3 Luke Pinneo, 1st Dist.





## Supreme Cuisine

FS2 David Thomas is filmed by the Food Network aboard the CGC Tern during a cooking competition July 11 in San Francisco. Food specialists from the cutters Tern, Hawksbill and Sockeye competed for the Sector San Francisco "How Do You Iron Chef?" title. FS2 Matthew Williams from the Hawksbill won. The competition aired as a one minute promotional show during commercial breaks of the Iron Chef and Iron Chef America shows.

Photo by PA3 Sabrina Arrayan, 11th Dist.

**July 2** — The CGC Jarvis and the Russian Northeast Border Directorate vessel Vorovsky rendezvous about 450 miles southwest of Alaska's Aleutian Island chain and 250 miles east of Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula to perform the first joint security exercise of the North Pacific Heads of Coast Guard Agencies.

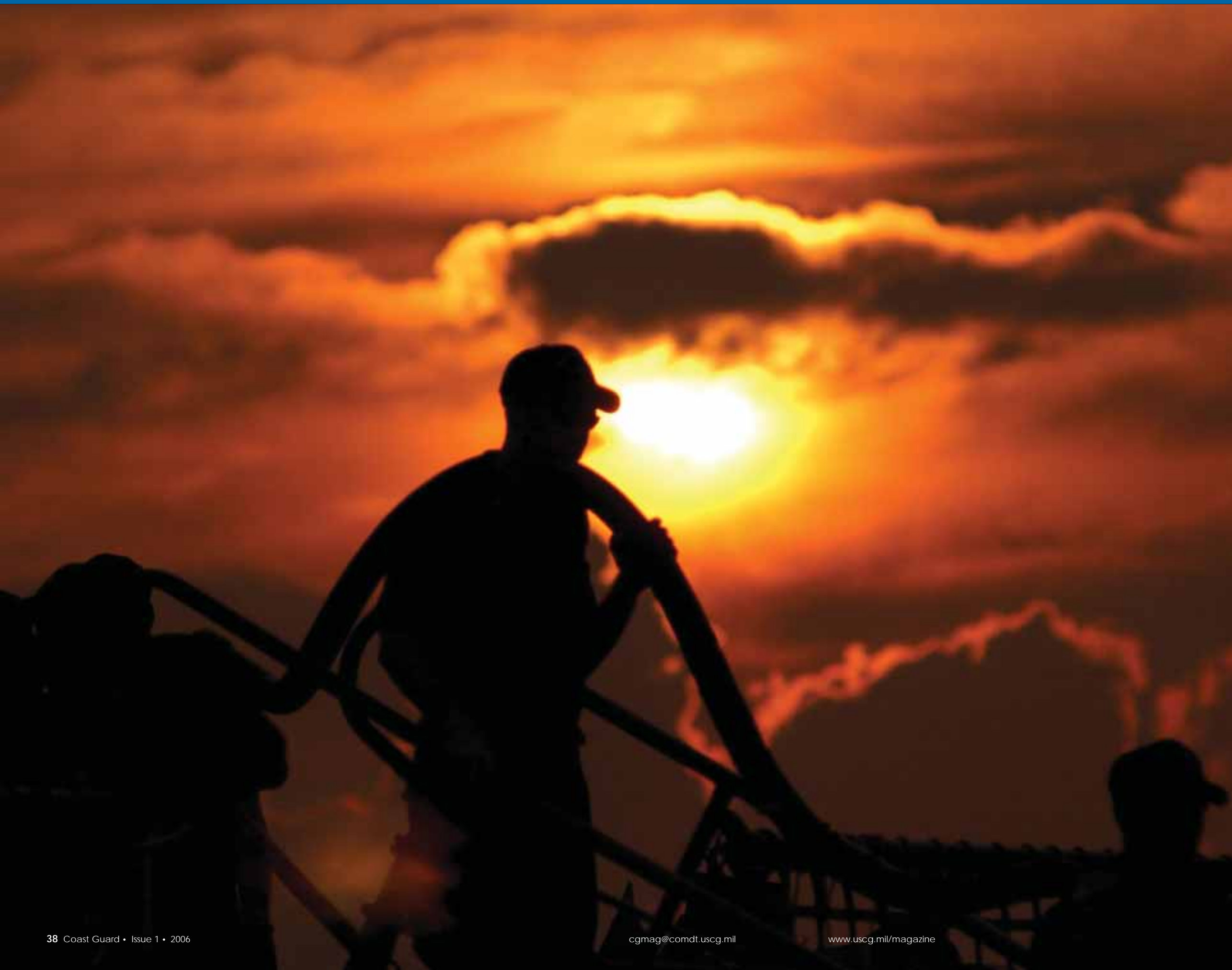
**July 3** — An HH-60 Jayhawk crew from Cordova, Alaska, rescued two people July 3 after their small plane crashed seven miles from Whittier.

**July 6** — The CGC Campbell seized 6,700 pounds of cocaine and detained five suspected smugglers 50 miles south of Cayos De Albuquerque, Colombia. The Campbell was on routine patrol in the Caribbean Sea when its crew spotted the 65-foot Honduran fishing vessel Ocean Mistery dumping bales into the water.

**July 18** — A rescue crew from Station Marathon rescued three Florida Keys residents and their dog about 12 miles west of Cape Sable.

**July 18** — An Air Station Corpus Christi crew rescued a family of five after their 22-foot pleasure craft ran aground a half mile south of Matagorda Island Lighthouse.





## Power Supply

Crewmembers aboard the CGC Campbell prepare to haul the cutter's nearly 150-foot shore tie along the aft deck, down the gangplank and onto the pier of the cutter's home port in Kittery, Maine, July 19. While in port, two shore ties continually supply the Campbell with the 460 volts needed to operate the entire electrical system.

Photo by PA3 Luke Pinneo, 1st Dist.

**July 26** — Crews from Air Station San Francisco and Station Vallejo combined to rescue four people from a sinking vessel three miles west of the Carquinez Bridge.

**July 29** — A boat crew from Station Cleveland Harbor rescued four people after their jet skis flipped near the mouth of the Cuyahoga River.

**Aug. 1** — The CGC Jarvis returned home after a three-month patrol that opened cooperative international efforts between the United States and other nations of the North Pacific heads of coast guard agencies. The Jarvis engaged in officer exchanges and joint operations with Korean, Japanese and Canadian coast guard; Russian Northern Border Guard and the Chinese Fisheries Enforcement vessel Zhong Guo Yu Zhen.

**Aug 4** — Capt. Manson Brown, the Unified Command Honolulu Federal On-Scene Coordinator, announced that the M/V Casitas, which ran aground at Pearl and Hermes Atoll on July 2, has been removed successfully and entombed northwest of the atoll in approximately 7,200 feet of water. "The Unified Command shared a common commitment to remove the potential pollutants and extract the vessel from the reef with no human injuries and as little damage to the environment as possible. Given the remote location and the significance of the reef ecosystem, it was a challenge — a challenge we can now say we met," said Brown.





## African Surfari

The CGC Bear crashes through 14- to 16-foot waves off the coast of western Africa July 30 during a 90-day deployment to the North Africa and Gulf of Guinea region. As part of a Theater Security Cooperation mission with the U.S. Navy's Sixth Fleet, the Bear visited eight countries with the goal to enhance multinational interoperability and to cultivate relationships for possible future training opportunities.

Photo by PA2 Andrew Shinn, 1st Dist.

**Aug 15** — A helicopter rescue crew from Air Station Houston medevaced a crewman with a reported ruptured spleen from an oil rig 82 miles southeast of Galveston.

**Aug 16** — A Station Port Angeles boat crew took a man into custody after he was found naked and acting erratic by an Air Station Port Angeles helicopter crew in Sequim Bay, Wash. The crew was on patrol when they saw a possible boat fire. Upon investigation, they found the man on the bow of a boat waving distress flares, acting erratically and making obscene gestures.

**Aug 18** — The CGC Eagle helped rescue nearly 100 West African migrants who were found drifting in a disabled vessel 35 miles off the south coast of Tenerife, Canary Islands. The Eagle sighted two flares coming from the 50-foot migrant vessel. The Eagle supplied the migrants with 150 bananas, 51 pounds of cooked kidney beans, 40 pounds of cooked rice and 14 gallons of bottled water.

**Aug 20** — The CGC Steelhead, with a NOAA agent aboard, seized 16,000 pound of shrimp from a fishing boat in the Gulf of Mexico after they discovered turtle excluder devices were sewn shut.

## Arctic Summer

BM3 Steven Duque, left, and BM2 Adam Gunter prepare to ferry members of a science party back to the CGC Healy from an ice floe on the Arctic Ocean Aug. 18. The Healy left Seattle on June 1 for the scientific mission and achieved several milestones along the way including the third visit to the geographic North Pole by a U.S. surface ship and the second ever trans-arctic expedition by a surface ship. The Healy sailed over 22,000 miles circumnavigating North America.

Photo by AG1 Gene Swope, U.S. Navy







## Dangling Demo

An HH-60 Jayhawk rescue crew from Air Station Astoria, Ore., demonstrates various rescue operation maneuvers during a drill performed for federal and state officials in Seattle Aug. 8.

Photo by PA3 Adam Eggers, 13th Dist.

**Sept 6** — Helicopter crews from Air Station Houston rescued 12 people after their helicopter went down 23 miles south of Sabine, Texas, shortly after takeoff from an offshore platform.

**Sept 9** — Vice Adm. Thad Allen, the Coast Guard chief of staff, was tapped to lead the Hurricane Katrina federal response and recovery efforts in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama as the Principle Federal Official.



## Tons of Trash

CGC Kukui crewmembers attend to a pile of debris the cutter's crane had lifted onto the buoy deck in September. The Kukui pulled in more than seven tons of trash from the Maro Reef, located 850 miles northwest of Honolulu.

U.S. Coast Guard Photo



## Show of force

Members of Port Security Unit 312, conduct a land security drill for local media during PSU 312's commissioning media day on Coast Guard Island, Alameda, Aug. 18.

Photo by PA3 Brian Leshak, PACAREA

**Sept 13** — An HH-60 crew from Air Station Kodiak rescued two Toksook, Alaska, villagers who were stranded on Nelson Island. The pair had been traveling in a 24-foot ocean skiff when bad weather forced them to seek safe haven on the island.

**Sept 16** — The CGC Walnut crew employed the ship's crane, lift bags and divers to remove more than 21,000 pounds of marine trash from more than 60 sites across the Pearl and Hermes Atoll in the northwest Hawaiian islands. The 1,000 mile trip was part of a joint mission with NOAA and the University of Hawaii's Sea Grant Program to remove the potentially deadly debris.



## Pride of the Fleet

The crew of the CGC Storis celebrated the ship's 63 years of service Sept. 30. The Storis was commissioned in 1942 and bears gold "38" hull numbers — a distinction given only to the oldest cutter in the fleet.

Photo by PA3 Christopher McLaughlin, PADET Kodiak







## Spotlight

### First Class accommodations

AMT2 Miguel Martinez catches a in-flight break in the skies over Louisiana Sept. 4. Martinez, from Air Station Kodiak, took part in supplies-shipment missions and was one of the thousands of Coast Guardsmen called to the Gulf Coast in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Photo by PA3 Luke Pinneo, 1st Dist.

# Katrina HURRICANE HEROICS

Story by PA1 Mike O'Berry, G-IPA-1

If any single event of 2005 tested the Coast Guard's motto of "Always Ready," it would have been Hurricane Katrina. When the force of the nation's most destructive natural disaster slammed into the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, the Coast Guard responded with a force of its own.

Nine hours after landfall with winds still howling over 60 knots, the Coast Guard made the first

rescue of Hurricane Katrina when a HH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew rescued two adults and an infant from a rooftop in Port Sulphur, La.

Within days, Coast Guard personnel arrived by the hundreds. By Sept. 1, There were 25 Coast Guard cutters, 48 aircraft, two Disaster Area Response Teams, three Maritime Safety and Security Teams, a National Strike Team, Incident Management Assist teams

from both Atlantic and Pacific areas, three Port Security Units, six Disaster Area Teams, three Environmental Response Teams and four Critical Incident Stress Management teams positioned in the affected Gulf Coast theatre. At its peak, more than 40 percent of the Coast Guard's air fleet was involved in the largest search and rescue operation in Coast Guard history. More than 4,000 Coast Guard

personnel participated in the effort.

One of those members was Vice Adm. Thad Allen, who was tapped Sept. 9 to lead the federal response and recovery efforts in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama as the Principal Federal Official.

Combined with hospital evacuations and rescues by surface resources, the Coast Guard saved a staggering 33,545 lives, statistically more than six years' worth of search and rescue.

"I have been in search and rescue for 30 years and have never seen anything like this," said AMTCM Tim Sheffler, command master chief of Air Station New Orleans. "Our orders were simple: Go and save lives."

"The dogged determination, enthusiasm and eagerness to serve in any capacity exhibited by all members was awesome to behold," wrote Capt. David Callahan, commanding officer of Aviation Training Center Mobile and Capt. Bruce Jones, commanding officer of Air Station New Orleans in a joint memo to fellow commanding officers.

Furthermore, lives were being saved at an unprecedented rate even though almost half the local personnel lost their own homes and belongings in the storm.

"Despite these hardships, the extraordinary Coast Guard men and women who gathered from all over the Coast Guard to join the fight worked ceaselessly and cheerfully, allowing around the clock SAR and maintenance operations to continue unabated and at an unprecedented level," wrote Jones and Callahan.

"Crews that normally would be asked to pluck about 20 people from danger on a tough day have been doing 100 to 120 hoists in adverse conditions that include heat and humidity and exposure to contaminated water kicked up by chopper rotors," Shepard said.

While dramatic rescues grabbed the headlines, there were hundreds of other personnel working 20-hour days to open integral waterways, clean up oil, rebuild stations, maintain Maritime Transportation



### Helping hand

A Coast Guard rescue swimmer prepares an elderly couple for transport to safety in New Orleans, Sept. 7.

US Coast Guard Photo

pollution response covering 130 miles of rivers, canals and wetlands.

An estimated 8 million gallons of product were spilled along the Mississippi River basin. Approximately 750 responders from federal, state and local agencies are assisting in the cleanup.

U.S. Sen. Olympia Snowe remarked, "The bottom line is that members of the Coast Guard did not wait to be told to conduct their mission. They knew their mission, and they refused to let anything get in their way."

Security Act requirements and manage vessel salvage operations.

The Sector New Orleans Aids to Navigation Team answered the call with help from several units outside 8th District by replacing or repairing more than 2,700 ATON discrepancies in less than a month.

The hurricanes also paralyzed the oil and gas infrastructure throughout the region requiring a



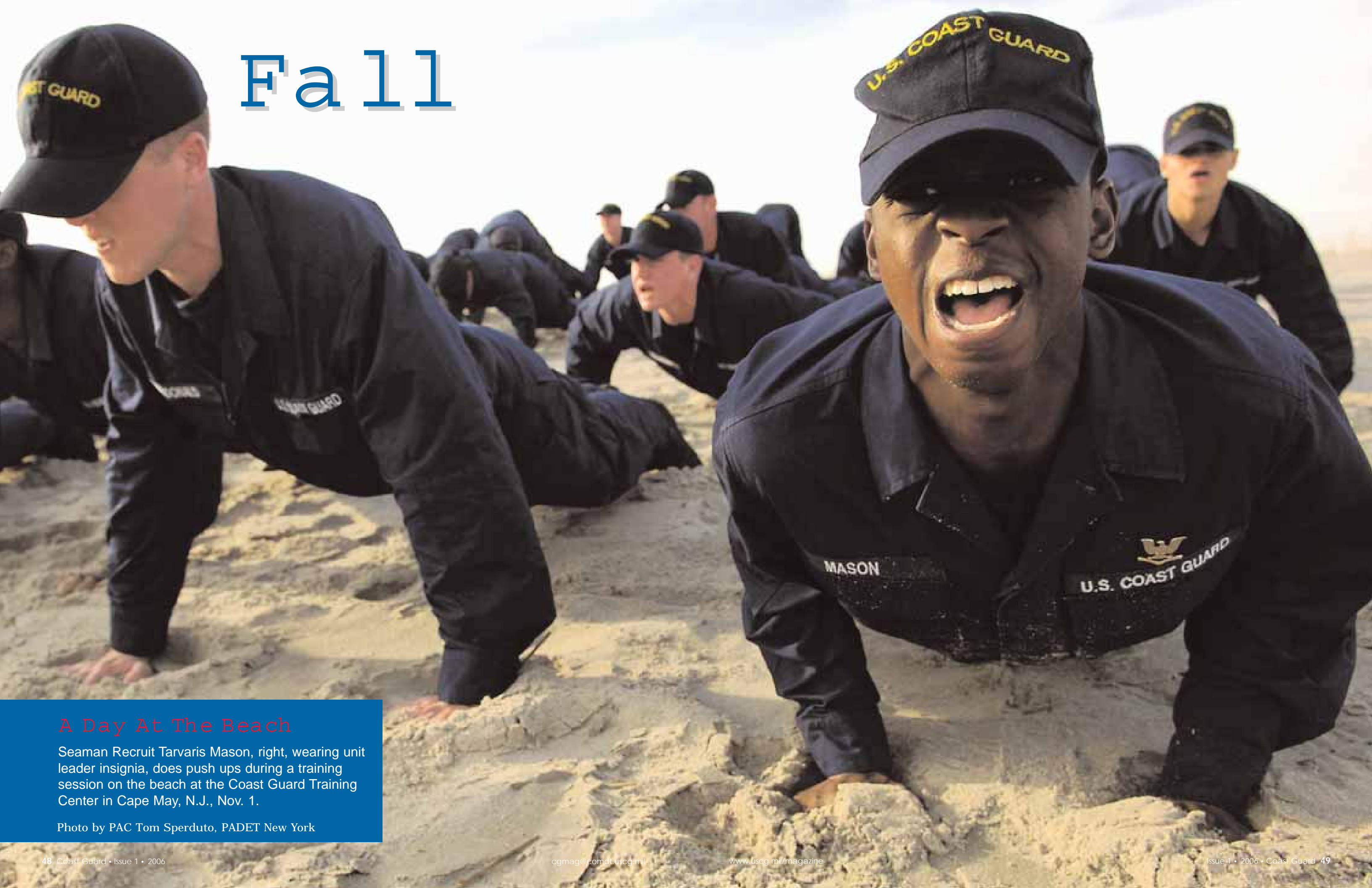
### Motor Muscle

MK2 Jeffrey Terry, part of a disaster assistance response team, helps prepare 15 small boats for Hurricane Rita relief Sept. 15 at a staging area in College Station, Texas.

Photo by PA2 Jennifer Johnson, 14th Dist.



# Fall

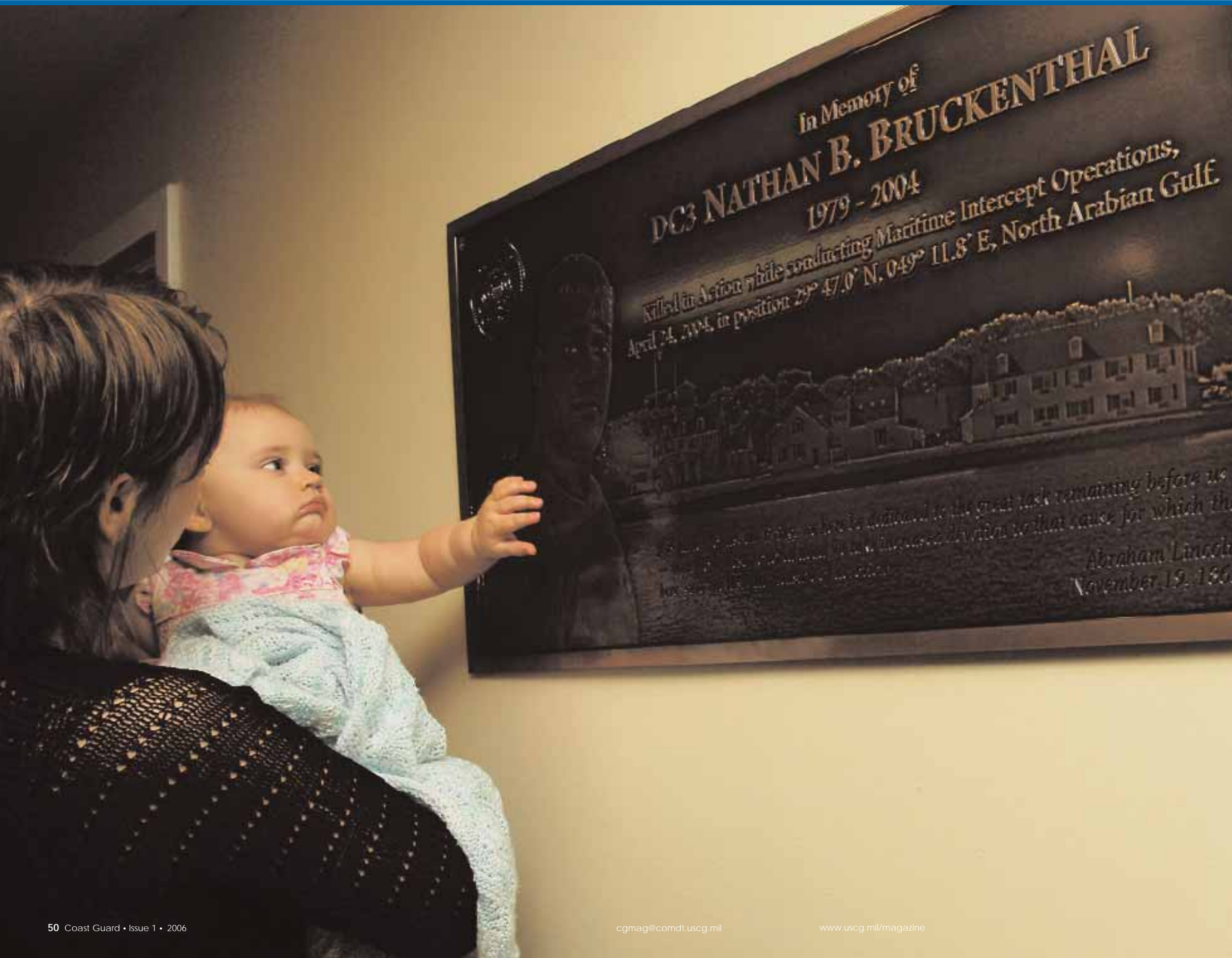


## A Day At The Beach

Seaman Recruit Tarvaris Mason, right, wearing unit leader insignia, does push ups during a training session on the beach at the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, N.J., Nov. 1.

Photo by PAC Tom Sperduto, PADET New York





## Father Figure

Harper Natalie Bruckenthal, born Nov. 19, 2004, touches a bronze relief of the face of her father, DC3 Nathan Bruckenthal, inside Bruckenthal Hall at Coast Guard Station Montauk, N.Y., Oct. 3. The building was named in honor of Bruckenthal, who was killed in action April 24, 2004, while defending the Iraqi Kwahr Al Amaya Oil Terminal against waterborne attacks. He was the first Coast Guardsman killed in action since the Vietnam War.

Photo by PAC Tom Spurduto, PADET New York

**Oct. 7 —** A helicopter crew from Air Station Houston rescued a 60-year-old kayaker that was swept to sea near Rollover Pass on the east end of the Bolivar Peninsula.

**Oct. 13 —** A six-year-old Cuban boy died after the suspected smuggling vessel he was aboard capsized and trapped him underneath the water 45 miles south of Key West, Fla. The CGC Dauntless first spotted the 33-foot boat at 12:40 a.m. The operator began driving the boat erratically in an attempt to escape. At approximately 1:24 a.m., the vessel capsized, sending all 31 people aboard into the water. Upon rescuing 30 of the migrants, it was learned the six-year-old was still missing. At no time did a Coast Guard vessel come into contact with the suspect vessel. "We are deeply saddened by the loss of life, and the family has our deepest sympathy," said Rear Adm. D. Brian Peterman, commander of the 7th District. "This terrible incident is an example of the dangers inherent to illegal entry into the United States by sea."

**Oct. 14 —** A crew from Station Key West, Fla., rescued a Navy FA-18 pilot after he was forced to eject from his aircraft 36 miles southwest of Key West.



## Hot firepower

ET2 Sean Foster feels the heat while offloading ammunition through a portal aboard the CGC Morgenthau in Seal Beach, Calif. Oct. 7. The ammunition offload followed a successful south patrol where the Morgenthau seized more than 16,000 pounds of cocaine — the fourth largest seizure in Coast Guard history.

Photo by PA3 Brian Leshak, PACAREA

**Oct. 22** — An HH-60 Jayhawk from Air Station Astoria rescued three Oregonians who were stranded on a cliff at Short Sands Beach near Manzanita.

**Nov. 9** — A safety inspection team from Station Coos Bay, Ore., and a Coos County Sheriff's deputy ended the voyage of the 35-foot F/V Lady Esther when a boarding uncovered several safety violations and the possession of methamphetamine.

**Nov. 16** — An HH-65 Dolphin aircrew from Corpus Christi, Texas, rescued three men who were washed ashore Motagorda Island by a severe storm the night before.

**Nov. 17** — An aircrew from Air Station Detroit pulled two men from separate boats after each ran aground about 40 yards offshore, one mile west of the Portage River entrance. Station Marblehead received the call, but was unable to reach the two boats because of the shallow water.

**Nov. 21** — An HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew from Air Station Cape Cod, Mass., rescued three fishermen around midnight after their 80-foot fishing vessel, the Aggressor, ran aground near Block Island, R.I.







## Hook, Line ... Buoy

BM2 Joshua Gunn, left, and BM3 James Bowell of the CGC Spar secure a crane hook to an unlighted buoy near the southern end of Kodiak Island, Alaska, Dec. 14.

Photo by PA3 Christopher McLaughlin, PADET Kodiak

**Nov. 29** — Station New York received October's 1st District Award for Mission Excellence for their constant and challenging operations in homeland security, search and rescue, law enforcement and community relations.

**Dec. 1** — Cleanup crews completed pumping approximately 750,000 gallons of liquid asphalt from a damaged barge that ran aground five miles south of Richmond, Va. The barge Piney Point spilled an estimated 45,000 gallons of its cargo on Nov. 28.

**Dec. 2** — Coast Guard units, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Canadian authorities from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources interdicted a Canadian fishing boat illegally fishing in U.S. waters approximately 25 miles east of Harbor Beach, Mich. The CGC Hollyhock spotted the vessel setting nets and coordinated surveillance with crews from Air Station Detroit.

**Dec. 12** — Crews from Air Station Elizabeth City medevaced two passengers aboard the cruise ship Norwegian Dawn during separate operations off the coast of North Carolina.

**Dec. 13** — The Coast Guard identified three teenagers suspected of making four hoax calls in Brookings Harbor, Ore. Coast Guard and local responders spent more than 20 hours conducting searches based on these hoax calls. The Coast Guard, in collaboration with other federal, state and local agencies were considering enforcement options.





## Royal Visit

Britain's Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, wave to an onlooking crowd as they depart the CGC Tern Nov. 7 in the Port of San Francisco. The royal couple traveled aboard the 87-foot patrol boat from Jack London Square in the Port of Oakland to the San Francisco Ferry Terminal. They toured the cutter and met with crewmembers.

Photo by PA3 Brian Leshak, PACAREA

**Dec. 14** — The Seattle-based CGC Mellon freed an endangered Loggerhead sea turtle from tangled fishing gear while on a law enforcement patrol in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

**Dec. 15** — Station Juneau rescued three 19-year-old duck hunters after their 14-foot john boat capsized while they were hunting on North Douglas Island near Juneau, Alaska.

## Downward Mobility

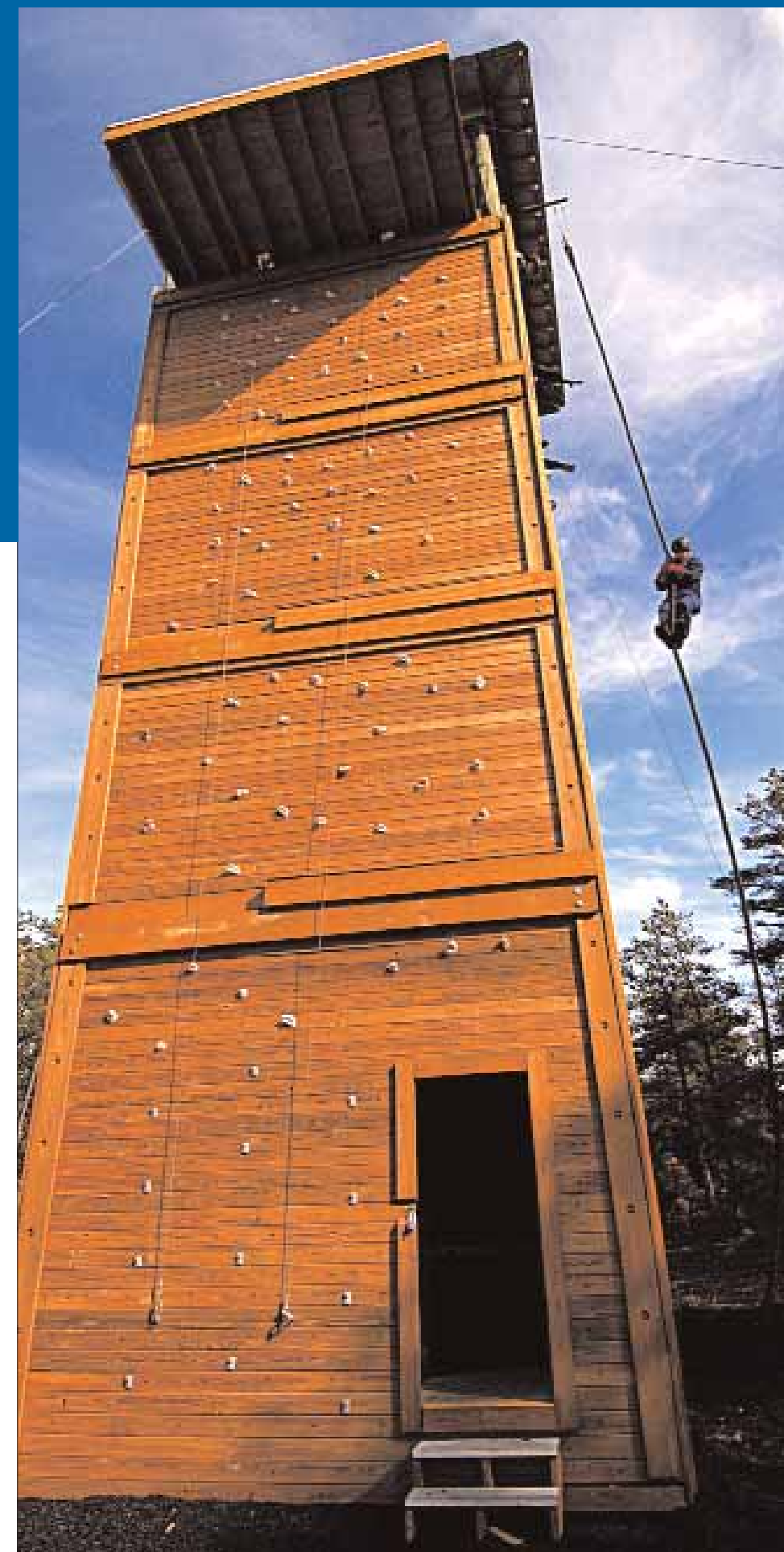
A student of the Atlantic Area Vertical Insertion Program descends down a fast rope Oct. 30, during a week-long vertical insertion course held in Sandwich, Mass. The course teaches Maritime Safety and Security Team members how to rapidly deploy to the deck of a ship from a helicopter by sliding down a rope.

Photo by PA3 Luke Pinneo, 1st Dist.

**Dec. 19** — Station Miami Beach launched two rescue boat crews to the scene of a downed Chalks Airline airplane in Miami. An HH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Air Station Miami and the CGC Sitkinak also responded to the crash, which was carrying 20 people including two crewmen and three children. The Grumman G73 seaplane crashed shortly after takeoff in the waters near Government Cut in the Port of Miami. There were no survivors. On Dec. 23, the Miami Dade Medical Examiner identified a body recovered by the Coast Guard three nautical miles east of Key Biscayne as the 20th passenger.

**Dec. 23** — The CGC Steadfast returned to its homeport of Astoria, Ore., after completing an 11,000-nautical-mile counter narcotics patrol in the eastern Pacific. The 77-person crew spent 61 days at sea seizing more than six tons of cocaine, rescuing 109 people and crossing the equator eight times. On Thanksgiving Day the crew received a telephone call from President Bush.

**Dec. 31** — An HH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Air Station San Francisco rescued a woman in the Humbolt Bay area who was stranded in her car by flood waters caused by the previous night's storm.





## En Patrulla in Cuba

PSU 311 patrols the waters of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, during their recent six-month deployment in support of the U.S. Navy's Joint Task Force Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The 54-member detachment arrived in Cuba on June 1 and returned home to San Pedro, Calif., on Dec. 8.

Photo by CWO Scott Epperson, 11th Dist.







# Spotlight

## Bail Bounty

A crewmember of the CGC Sherman stands guard over 11.5 tons of cocaine in Alameda, Calif. Nov. 17. The CGC Hamilton confiscated the drugs during three different seizures in the Eastern Pacific, then transferred the drugs to the Sherman for transport to Alameda for destruction.

Photo by PA3 Brian Leshak, PACAREA

## Consecutive records put smugglers on notice

Story by PA1 Alan Haraf, 11th Dist.

Two years ago, Adm. Thomas H. Collins challenged the Coast Guard to seize 100 tons of cocaine in one year. Crews exceeded the goal by more than 20 tons, confiscating 241,733 pounds in 2004. The bar was raised for 2005.

So the Coast Guard took aim at the new target and once again hit the bulls-eye by seizing 170 tons of cocaine. From October 2004 through Sept. 30, 2005, more than 338,000 pounds of cocaine worth

\$9.6 billion was confiscated, shattering the 2004 record.

Some of the action took place in the Caribbean Sea, Gulf of Mexico, and along the Atlantic Coast, areas typically associated with drug smuggling. However, 93 tons of cocaine, roughly 62 percent of the record total, was seized in the Eastern Pacific off the coasts of Central and South America.

In fact, during each of the last five years, more than 75 percent of the cocaine seized by the Coast

Guard was intercepted in the Eastern Pacific.

During the months of August and September, 11 separate attempts to smuggle significant amounts of cocaine into the U.S. via the eastern Pacific maritime trafficking routes were stopped. Three large drug busts — all involving the CGC Hamilton — helped set the new record. A go-fast was interdicted Aug. 10 while attempting to smuggle 2.5 tons of cocaine. Twelve days later, another go-fast was stopped attempting to smuggle two tons of cocaine. A Colombian-flagged fishing vessel was stopped Sept. 16 approximately 250 miles east of the Galapagos Islands attempting to smuggle 6.7 tons of cocaine.

"America can be proud of the exemplary record set by Coast Guard ships and aircraft in action against illegal drug smugglers," said Vice Adm. Harvey Johnson, commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area. "Our success is a direct reflection on the many dedicated military, security and law enforcement professionals working to protect America's borders."


The Coast Guard saw an increase in drug interdictions as counter-drug intelligence and technology continues to improve. In addition, interagency coordination resulted in better use of capabilities and resources.

The Coast Guard coordinated closely with other federal agencies and countries to disrupt and deter the flow of illegal drugs. For

example, the U.S. Attorney's office in Tampa, Fla., and Joint Inter-Agency Task Force South in Key West, played critical roles in successful counter-drug operations. These organizations provided the operational intelligence and planning that the Coast Guard used. The U.S. Navy, with Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment members aboard, also provided ships and aircraft to assist interdiction efforts.

Other agencies the Coast Guard worked closely with include the DEA, FBI, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, and the Departments of Justice, State and Homeland Security.

"Being on the front lines of the nation's layered homeland security strategy, we have pushed our borders out, identifying and interdicting threats, including illegal and harmful drugs, before they reach U.S. shores," said Rear Adm. Kevin Eldridge, commander of the Eleventh Coast Guard District, whose district is responsible for counter-drug operations in the eastern Pacific.

During a press conference in October on Coast Guard Island, Alameda, Calif., to announce the record-setting year and to present the offload of 11.5 tons of seized cocaine, Eldridge put smugglers on high alert. "Drug runners beware," he said. "The Coast Guard and its partners will not be satisfied with a lesser performance next year." 



## On Point

A Coast Guard silent drill team member tightly clutches the polished bayonet of his rifle in Boston, May 29. During each performance, the constant swinging, throwing, spinning and accurately catching of the rifle makes precision critical.

Photo by PA3 Luke Pinneo, 1st Dist.

